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1. Meeting: Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group

The State Auditor's Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group will meet on Tuesday, December 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the first floor board room at the Retirement Systems Building in Saint Paul, at 60 Empire Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55103.

Meetings are open to the public. Agendas and materials will be available on the OSA website at:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=reliefworkinggroup>

2. Updated: Key Reporting Requirements Calendar for Relief Associations

The updated Key Reporting Requirements calendar is now available on the OSA website. The calendar lists each reporting form that volunteer fire relief associations must submit to the OSA, and additional required State reporting. Links to the forms and their applicable due dates are also provided.

The calendar can be found under the heading "Resources for Completing Forms" at:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20070105.001>

3. Released: Municipal Liquor Store Report

The OSA has released the 2018 Analysis of Municipal Liquor Store Operations. The report provides comparative data on liquor store operations which are owned and operated by Minnesota cities. To view the complete report, which includes an Executive Summary, tables, and graphs, go to:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20191211.000>

4. Reminder: Decertified TIF District Forms

When a TIF district is decertified, as is common this time of year, a Confirmation of Decertified TIF District Form must be completed and submitted to the OSA within 90 days. To learn more, please visit:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=DecertTIFDistFormRmdr>

5. Reminder: Forfeiture Law Amended

Effective July 1, 2019, Minnesota's forfeiture laws have been amended. The new law mandates the return of a seized vehicle to its owner or driver if the driver becomes a participant in the ignition interlock program before the forfeiture is finalized.

In light of the new forfeiture law, the Office of the State Auditor updated the online forfeiture form with additional property type and property disposition options. To view instructions for the updated Forfeiture Incident Reporting Form please go to:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/forms/gid/instructionsforSAFESandforfeitureform.pdf>

6. Avoiding Pitfalls: Hearings on Municipal Liquor Store Losses

Cities operating municipal liquor stores must hold a public hearing not more than 45 days prior to the end of the fiscal year regarding the future of the liquor store if the operation of the liquor store has experienced losses, before transfers, in at least two of the past three consecutive years.

To learn more about this requirement, please visit the OSA's website at:

<https://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20090724.090>

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